

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, the previously presented claims are cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 17-22 are added.

The applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the several telephone discussions. During such discussions a greater understanding between the applicant's representative and the Examiner was achieved.

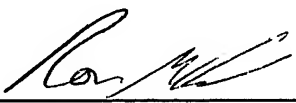
In accord with the achieved understanding, the present claims are provided. It is believed that the present claims address all issues raised during the discussions and are accordingly in condition for allowance. As mentioned during the last discussion, if the Examiner perceives some impediment to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the presently-pending claims are allowable, and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34354.

Respectfully submitted,

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